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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
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EXPENDITURE ON R & D
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of gross domestic product spent on research and development work by the Government during the last three years;

(b) whether some organizations and scientists have lodged their protest about the meagre expenditure on this work and demanded increase of the fund on this account ;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY(SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

a) According to available official statistics, the Research & Development expenditure as percentage of Gross National Product is 0.72%, 0.77% and 0.81% in 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 respectively.

b) No, Sir.

c) & d) Does not arise.